

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21**

WHEREAS, Nathaniel J. "Nat" Rivers served the people of the City of St. Louis as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives beginning in 1969, and he continued to serve for the next fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Nat Rivers was born in Cache, Illinois and educated at Sumner High School in Cairo, Illinois, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and St. Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Nat Rivers, a real estate and insurance broker, was very active in his community, and served on the Board of Directors of Mid-City Rental Company, Union Sarah Community Corporation, West Side Redevelopment Corporation, West End Congress, Union-Sarah Economic Development Corporation and West Side Community Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Nat Rivers was recognized for his contributions to the St. Louis community through numerous awards, including the St. Louis Citizens Award in Community Service in 1979, the Harris-Stowe College Award in recognition for his concern for Higher Education and Human Development in 1978, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Award in 1979; and

WHEREAS, such awards only begin to recognize Nat Rivers' true accomplishments and contributions to the citizens of St. Louis and the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the most appropriate way to recognize an individual of Nat Rivers' stature is to name a public building after him; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Central Office of the Division of Workforce Development, located at 4811 Delmar Boulevard in the City of St. Louis, has no proper name; and

WHEREAS, this St. Louis Central Office provides much needed community services to persons in the St. Louis area, including job service and development, job corps, work opportunity and welfare-to-work information, job training assistance, veterans service and unemployment benefit information; and

WHEREAS, Nat Rivers' contributions and service to the community of St. Louis are exemplary and distinguished:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring therein, proclaims that the St. Louis Central Office of the Division of Workforce Development, located at 4811 Delmar Boulevard in the City of St. Louis, be hereby named the "Nathaniel J. "Nat" Rivers Office of the Division of Workforce Development", and that a sign or signs of appropriate size, lettering and design be constructed and placed on said office property with the name "Nathaniel J. "Nat" Rivers Office of the Division of Workforce Development" on said sign, which shall be readily legible from the street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Economic Development shall promptly notify those members of the General Assembly whose constituents are served by the Nathaniel J. "Nat" Rivers Office of the Division of Workforce Development, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives with the date in which said sign or signs are to be placed on the property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Economic Development and the Office of Administration.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

WHEREAS, Robert Ward served the citizenry of District 107 as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 1982 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Robert Ward's commitment to public service was exemplified by his tenure in the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served as Majority Floor Leader from 1991 to 1994 and as Majority Whip from 1987 to 1990:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, do hereby instruct the Missouri Highway Commission and the Department of Transportation to take action immediately to name a section of Route 32, St. Francois County, from west of Route B (Park Hill) to 0.4 miles west of Route 67 (Leadington), with a total length of 3.5 miles, the "State Representative Bob Ward Highway", to honor Robert Ward for his many years of commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designation of the State Representative Bob Ward Highway be completed no later than July 15, 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Robert Ward, the Missouri Highway Commission and the Department of Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri, due to its varied topography, is considered one of the most beautiful of the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of Missouri citizens and tourists to help preserve this beauty; and

WHEREAS, while much attention has recently been focused on the "Adopt-A-Highway" program which is directed at collecting litter, more needs to be done to prevent littering; and

WHEREAS, the problem of littering is growing and prevention of littering is an obligation not only of Missouri citizens, but also of the tourists in the "Show Me State"; and

WHEREAS, keeping Missouri's roadsides beautiful is an immense and huge, expensive task:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, do hereby instruct the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation to take immediate action to ensure that signs of appropriate size, lettering and design stating the current maximum penalty for littering be placed along the highways of the state and that any out-of-date signs be replaced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

WHEREAS, the United States of America observes a "Mother's Day", a "Father's Day" and a "Grandparents Day"; and

WHEREAS, these special observances are also recognized each year in the great State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, children, education, "Drug Free" programs and many other legislative programs designated for the benefit of children and teens are a priority for the members of this General Assembly and all Missourians; and

WHEREAS, many issues confronting young people today are a direct result of children not receiving enough affirmation, personal attention and quality time from adults and organizations; and

WHEREAS, September is a month now remembered by many for the lives and work and service on behalf of children of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana; and

WHEREAS, it is also the month many of our children return to school; a month in which organizations recognize children for growing older and passing into a higher instruction period of their lives; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to designate a day in honor of our children:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby join unanimously in honoring the children of Missouri, by designating each third Saturday in September as "Children's Day" in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Children's Day celebrations may vary with families, schools, churches, synagogues and other organizations, but affirming children and youth and quality time spent with children and youth should be an important part of "Children's Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in designating this day in honor of our youth, we also strongly encourage other states, our country and other countries to designate the third Saturday in September as "Children's Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, Missouri producers must have readily available markets in order to remain competitive in the agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing trend of consolidation and mergers in American agriculture economy is having an adverse impact on Missouri farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, farmers' and ranchers' concerns are highlighted by the recent court injunction on the purchase of Murphy Family Farms, Inc. assets in Missouri by Smithfield Foods, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, other Midwestern states have raised similar concerns about the same transaction and have received similar court rulings; and

WHEREAS, this transaction is but one example of the level of interest in antitrust issues particularly within the agricultural sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, competition remains critical for agricultural producers for the inputs they purchase and the products they sell; and

WHEREAS, the absence of competitive markets not only hurts farmers but ultimately will hurt consumers as well; and

WHEREAS, these anti-competitive forces are not targeted at specific states, but are more regional, national and in some cases, international in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri legislature believes Congress, the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Justice should do more on consolidation and concentration issues in the agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of action by Congress, several state legislatures are pursuing ways to combat the anti-competitive forces currently at work in the agriculture markets; and

WHEREAS, Missouri lawmakers' concerns are heightened by the importance of agriculture to Missouri's rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Missouri lawmakers believe that consolidation and concentration issues of this magnitude demand prompt attention by lawmakers and regulators at the federal level:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call upon the 106th Congress of the United States to immediately:

1. Expand the United States Department of Agriculture's role in evaluating agribusiness mergers and acquisitions;
2. Encourage the appointment of an Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice with the sole responsibility of handling agriculture mergers and acquisition;
3. Provide additional resources to expand the capability of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) to monitor, investigate and pursue the competitive implications of structural changes in the meat packing industry;
4. Support an increase in the staff of the Transportation, Energy and Agriculture section of the Department of Justice;

5. Prohibit the enforcement of confidentiality clauses in livestock production contracts and grain production contracts except to the extent that a legitimate trade secret is being protected;

6. Allow GIPSA to seek reparations for producers when a packer is found to be engaged in predatory or unfair practices;

7. Provide contract poultry growers the same protections as livestock producers by extending the powers of GIPSA to cover live poultry dealers;

8. Authorize a statutory trust for the protection of cash sellers to livestock dealers;

9. Consider any other measure that will lead to greater competition within the United States' agricultural sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly requests the United States Department of Agriculture to form a task force, a majority of the members being actual farmers and ranchers, to review and recommend changes in the Packers and Stockyards Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Missouri Congressional delegation, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Justice.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds, for the purpose of streamlining and simplifying sales and use tax imposition and collection for the twenty-first century, that:

Missouri should simplify sales and use taxes to reduce the administrative burden on the collection of sales and use taxes by both single state and multistate taxpayers and vendors;

State and local tax systems should treat transactions in a competitively neutral manner;

A simplified sales and use tax system that treats all transactions in a competitively neutral manner will strengthen and preserve the sales and use tax as vital state and local revenue sources and will preserve state fiscal sovereignty;

Remote sellers should neither receive preferential tax treatment at the expense of local "main street" merchants, nor be burdened with special, discriminatory or multiple taxes; and

While states have the sovereign right to set their own tax policies, states working together have the opportunity to develop a more simple, uniform and fair system of state sales and use taxation without federal government mandates of interference; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly directs the Missouri Department of Revenue to enter into discussions with other states regarding the development of a multistate, voluntary, streamlined system for sales and use tax collection and administration. Such discussions shall focus on a system that would have the capability to determine whether

transactions are taxable or tax exempt, the appropriate tax rate applicable to transactions, the total tax due on transactions, the provision of a method to collect and remit sales and use taxes to the state and the development of a joint request for information from potential public and private parties governing the specification for the system; and

WHEREAS, discussions between the Department of Revenue and other states may also include, but shall not be limited to providing compensation for the costs of collecting and remitting sales and use taxes; the mechanism for compensating parties for the development and operation of such system; the establishment of minimum statutory simplification measures necessary for state participation in such system; and the establishment of measures to preserve confidentiality of taxpayer information and privacy rights of consumers; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of its discussions with other state, the Department of Revenue shall issue a joint request for information; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue is authorized to participate in a sales tax pilot project with other states and selected businesses to test means for simplifying sales and use tax administration, and to enter into joint agreements, which terminate no later than December 31, 2001, for that purpose. Agreements to participate in the test shall establish provisions for the administration, imposition and collection of sales and use taxes resulting in revenues paid that are equal to those that would otherwise be paid pursuant to chapter 144, RSMo. Parties to the agreements are excused from complying with the provisions of chapter 144, RSMo, to the extent a different procedure is required by the agreements, except for confidentiality of taxpayer information as discussed in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, tax return information submitted to any party or parties' action for and on behalf of this state shall be treated as confidential taxpayer information. Disclosure of confidential taxpayer information shall only be made pursuant to a written agreement between the Department of Revenue and the party or parties. Such party or parties shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Department of Revenue pursuant to section 32.057, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly herein creates the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee to provide legislative oversight of this effort. The committee shall consist of two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem, two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, the director of the Department of Revenue, the Attorney General and his or her designee, and a member of the Governor's staff to be designated by the Governor. The committee shall meet on a monthly basis at the request of the director of the Department of Revenue, who shall be the chairman, or more often if requested by a majority of the committee members; and

WHEREAS, the committee shall provide a quarterly report on the progress of the multistate tax discussion and other tax simplification efforts to the President Pro Tem

of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor. By October 1, 2001, the committee shall also provide to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor a final report on the status of multistate discussions, including information as to whether a proposed system has been agreed upon by participating states and whether or not Missouri should participate in such agreed upon system:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby determine that streamlining and simplifying sales and use tax systems in this state will promote commerce in this state and hereby direct the Department of Revenue to work toward the goal of streamlining and simplifying sales and use taxes in this state in a manner as specified herein and as overseen by the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee created herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Department of Revenue.

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proposed the creation of a Delta Regional Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority would bring the resources of a Federal-State partnership to the region for economic growth and to provide the infrastructure and job training needed to make prosperity possible in the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the affected counties in Missouri desire to participate with the Delta Regional Authority in any policy development and programs for the Delta area:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby authorize the creation of the "Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority shall make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding policy development, prioritization of funding based upon poverty, joblessness, lack of job availability, literacy rates and level of education, and programs and interstate compacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority may accept general revenue and other funds as may be appropriated to it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority shall be composed of one county commissioner or designee from each of the following central counties designated by the Lower Mississippi Delta Commission of Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Stoddard and Butler, one of Missouri's representatives on the board of the lower Mississippi delta development center appointed by the governor, one member of the public chosen to represent the interests of agriculture appointed by the governor, one member of the public to represent business and industry appointed by the governor, and one member of the public to represent education appointed by the governor, two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, who represent districts within the central county region designated by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, who represent districts within the affected area designated by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, one member of the senate, appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, who represents a district within the central county region designated by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, and the following ex officio members: the directors of the departments of economic development, transportation and agriculture, the director of the family investment trust, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of higher education, one member of the board of the Lower Mississippi River Delta Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of economic development shall provide professional, legal and clerical staff for the Missouri Commission on the Delta Regional Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Mel Carnahan.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

WHEREAS, building codes promote public safety, health, and general welfare and protect the lives and property of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, building codes require that all affected construction meet minimum standards and provide fair and equal opportunities for contractors and owners by consistent application of these standards; and

WHEREAS, building codes protect our citizens from hazardous buildings and help maintain property values; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous building codes in the state varying from county to county and municipality to municipality; and

WHEREAS, the number of codes restricts competitive business among builders and contractors as they must spend time and money to learn and comply with each different code; and

WHEREAS, an in-depth study and evaluation must be made of the alternatives and strategies available for the implementation of a single building code to better serve the citizens and business population in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the three model code groups have combined to formulate a single code entitled the "International Building Code"; and

WHEREAS, the International Building Code is being finalized during the spring of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission for the Review and Formulation of Building Code Implementation was created in 1999 by Senate Concurrent Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held four hearings during 1999 and issued a preliminary report on December 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall dissolve on May 31, 2000 unless its authority is extended:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Second Regular Session, Ninetieth General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring therein, request that the commission continue to solicit any input and information necessary to fulfill its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall conduct an in-depth study and make additional recommendations concerning the implementation of a building code to ensure fair and equal opportunity for businesses by the consistent application of minimum safety standards for the citizens of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2000, and then shall be dissolved May 31, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of executive branch members and members appointed by the governor as well as the actual and necessary expenses of any staff provided by the office of administration and the cost of any outside consultants to the commission shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Office of Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the legislative members and any legislative staff assigned to the commission shall be paid from the joint contingent fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of Senate Research, House Research, the Joint Committee on Legislative Research, and the Office of Administration shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the commission may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Director of the Division of Design and Construction.

**SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41**

WHEREAS, for many years St. Louis has been known as the Gateway to the West; and

WHEREAS, in a city more than two hundred years old, there is a new spirit of revitalization that is focused on its historic core in Downtown; and

WHEREAS, this spirit of renewal is evident from the Gateway Arch with its Museum of Westbound Expansion through Laclede's Landing, to Union Station, Soulard and along Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Downtown St. Louis is the largest employment center in the State of Missouri and the heart of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, Downtown St. Louis has gone through a period of decline with the loss of businesses, jobs and deteriorating buildings and public facilities, and is having to face the growth of many shopping centers in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, over the years numerous plans have been offered to rejuvenate Downtown St. Louis:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninetieth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, establish the Joint Interim Committee on the Revitalization of the City of St. Louis. The members shall consist of five state senators appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and five state representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may solicit input from governmental and business leaders of the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall review and evaluate reports, studies and other information with respect to the revitalization of Downtown St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall make an in-depth study and evaluation of the alternatives to finance the revitalization of Downtown St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenses of legislative members and legislative staff shall be paid from the Joint Contingent Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of Senate Research and House Research and the Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.
